

Appl. No. 09/744,536
Supplementary Amendment

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Claim 1-3 were amended to clarify the reading of the claim language in light of the Examiner's Interview conducted on November 22, 2004. The claims recite the same features previously presented, and should not necessitate further consideration and/or search. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments.

Claims 1-6 of the present application were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kamperschroer* (US Patent No. 6,539,033). Applicant traverses these rejections. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

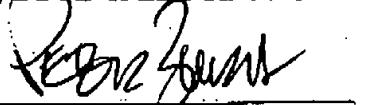
In light of the above amendments and the Examiner's Interview, Applicant respectfully submit that *Kamperschroer* does not disclose the configuration of the service data/service data units in relation to the protocol data/protocol data units as claimed in the present application. Furthermore, *Kamperschroer* does not disclose the information item configuration recited in claim 1.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6 of the present application, are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (0112740-0430) on the account statement.

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